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RAGGING IN COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the ragging of freshers by the seniors in colleges across the country is becoming more and more abusive and filthy;

(b) if so, whether some complaints where fresher students were forced to perform acts of homosexuality and bestiality has recently come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to stop such activities in all educational institutions functioning in the country particularly in colleges and universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c) : An incident of ragging took place in the premises of School of Planning & Architecture (SPA) (Deemed University), New Delhi in August, 2004. The Ministry constituted a two-member team to investigate the matter. The report clearly brought out that the ragging was mostly by way of use of abusive and filthy language and perhaps, in forcing the victim to mimic some obscene acts.

All the guilty students were suspended from classes for 3 weeks and monetary penalties were also imposed on some of them.

(d): The Government has taken note of the problem of Ragging in Universities/Colleges. In order to explore the measures for curbing of Ragging in Universities & colleges, the UGC in September, 1999 constituted an expert committee. The report of expert committee was circulated to all universities for necessary action. Besides, the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Petition No.656 of 1998 on curbing the menace of fragging in the educational institutions have been circulated to all the State/UT Governments/universities for strict compliance. The Commission has also invited the attention of the universities to the report of the committee constituted by the I.I.T. Delhi on measures to curb ragging. AICTE has also issued instructions to all the State Secretaries (Technical Education) and Vice-Chancellors of Technical Universities for taking necessary steps to prevent ragging in the Institutes.